BROOKLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY | WILLIAMSBURG BRANCH

COMMUNITY GARDEN

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PLANTING WISDOM

The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies.

GERTRUDE JEKYLL

Brooklyn Public Library-Williamsburg Branch Community Garden

PROJECT PLAN

INTRODUCTION - WHAT'S A COMMUNITY GARDEN?

IMPACT/OPPORTUNITY - WHY A COMMUNITY GARDEN?

PROJECT PLAN - HOW DO YOU BUILD A COMMUNITY GARDEN?

BUDGET - WHAT DOES A COMMUNITY GARDEN COST?

TIMELINE & FUTURE - THE LIFESPAN OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY GARDEN?

IMPACT

ANSWERING A COMMUNITY NEED

PUBLIC HEALTH INITIATIVE

MULTI-GENERATIONAL EXPERIENCE

RESPONSE TO FOOD DESERT

CONTINUED EDUCATION

OUR PROJECT

- Collaboration between Brooklyn Public Library and GrowNYC
- Community Garden at Brooklyn Branch of NYPL
- Location: Intersection of Rodney St. and Marcy Ave OR library entrance on Division Ave
- Library patrons (with library card on file) can grow vegetables, plants, and flowers at their own plot

GROWING FOOD

- Six 6' x 6' raised beds for patrons to grow food and flowers
- GrowNYC quarterly info sessions for patrons to learn how to garden
- Garden will serve community and also help beautify the library
- Lottery tickets for plots provided if interest is high

ORGANIZATIONS

- GrowNYC
- New York City Dept. of Parks and Rec
- GreenThumb
- Brooklyn Public Library System

OPERATIONS

- Open during regular library hours, closed during off hours/holidays
- Available to patrons 18 and up or child patrons with adult supervision
- Librarians not responsible for garden, but may occasionally water it
- Staff can use gardens for story-time sessions
- GrowNYC, gardening staff, & paid volunteers monitor access

Operations Info (cont.)

1 ON/OFF SEASONS

- Garden will be closed during winter months
- (December to March)
- Plants don't typically thrive during this season & patrons will also be indoors more

2 DAILY FUNCTIONS

- Dedicated lead gardener oversees plots & garden's growth
- Project manager will note any issues or damages and remedy them
- Project manager will advise staff/stakeholders of any project changes

3 CHANGE REQUESTS

- Changes approved by project manager, library director, stakeholders, and GrowNYC
- Change requests submitted via physical and online forms

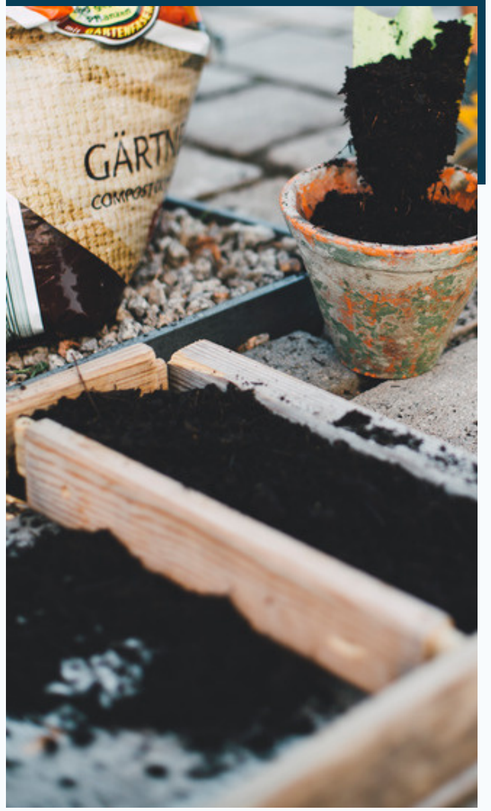
4 CONTINGENCY PLAN

- Stakeholders & project manager have plan in place for first year if project manager must leave
- Plan will cover who is next in line/will lead project (from GrowNYC)

What to Buy?

PERSONNEL

BUILDING MATERIALS



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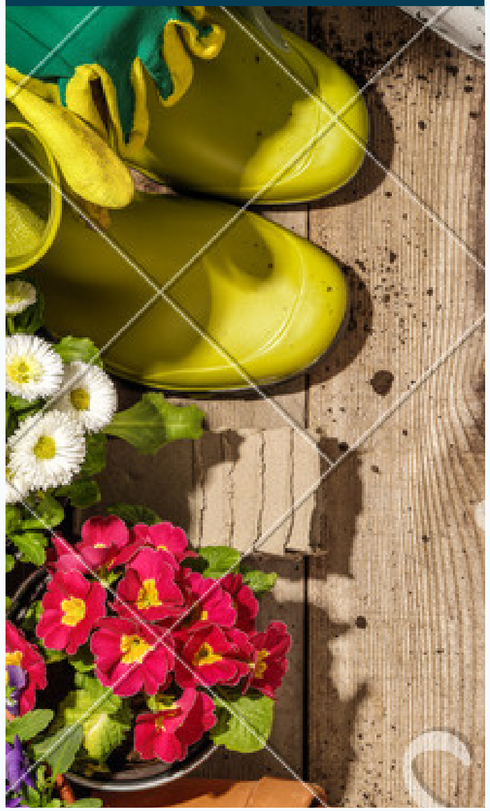


RESTOCKING

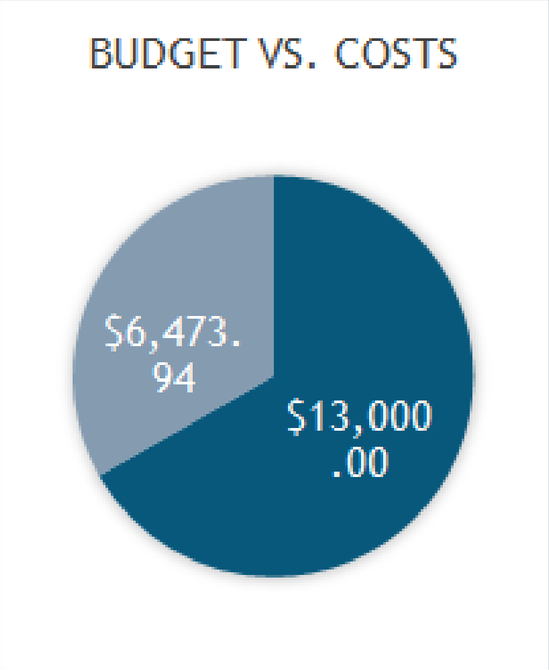
UPKEEP

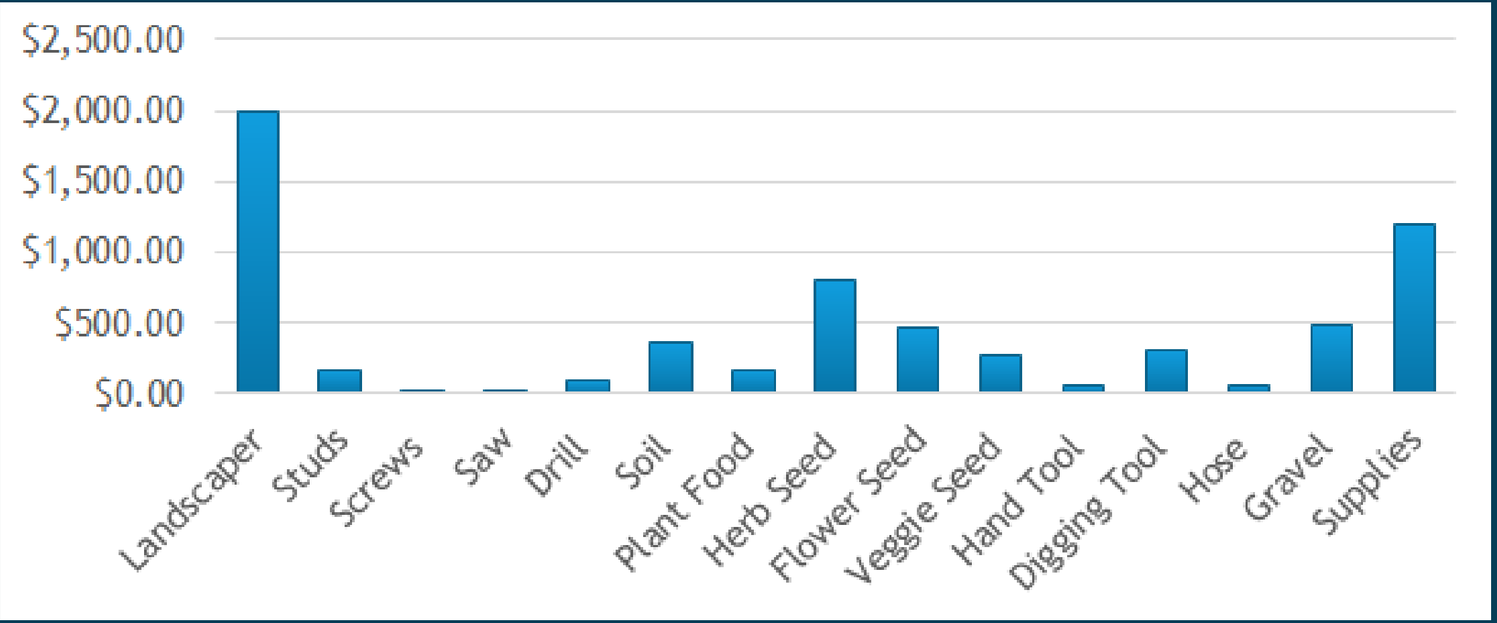
Garden Budget

Total: $13,000

Projected Costs: $6,473.94

Contingency Planning: $6,526,06





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PILOT YEAR

DECEMBER /JANUARY

- Searching and applying to grants
- Research

FEBRUARY

- Marketing*
- Early February (2/1-2/14)
  - Purchasing materials
  - Hiring Construction Workers
- Late February (2/15-2/28)
  - Prep work

MARCH

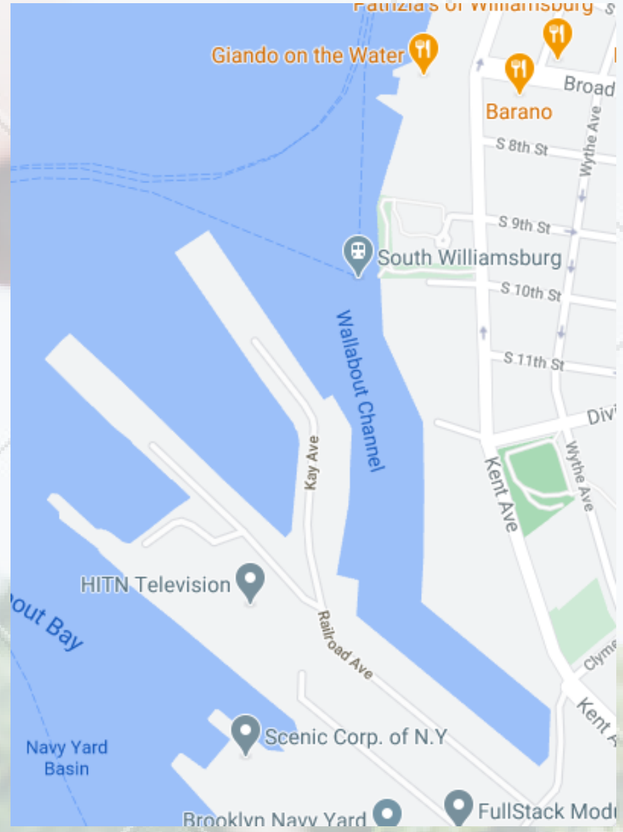
- Landscaping
- Material arrivals
- Installations
- Last week of March (3/29-4/2)
  - Plot leasing
  - Staff training
  - Last minute preparation / clean-up

APRIL-NOVEMBER

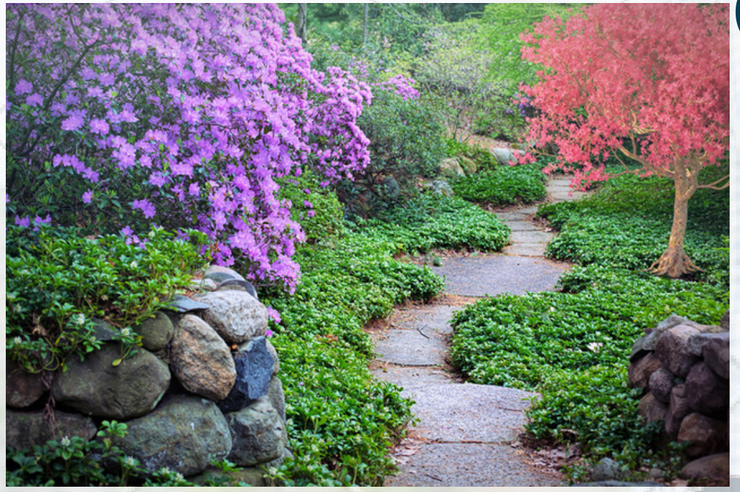
- Garden will open on April 3rd, 2021
- Garden will close on November 1st, 2021

END OF THE YEAR PROGRAM REVIEW

- Review the success of the project
- Plan for the next year



Goals For The Future



START PLANTING

Our Community Garden

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